

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. A livewell tank for use on a boat to hold fish, said device comprising:
- a bottom;
 - a sidewall section having first and second opposing ends, said sidewall section coupled with and upstanding from said bottom at said first end to define an interior compartment, said sidewall presenting a peripheral edge at said second end;
 - a top coupled with said second end of said sidewall section, said top forming an opening sized for receiving the fish, said top having a first surface projecting inwardly from said peripheral edge to cover a portion of said interior compartment; and
 - an overflow drain coupled with said sidewall section of said tank proximate said top.

2. The livewell tank of claim 1, wherein said first surface extends completely about the said peripheral edge of said sidewall section and inwardly into said container, said first surface terminating at an inner edge defining said opening.

3. The livewell tank of claim 2 wherein said peripheral edge and said opening are generally rectangular.

4. The livewell tank of claim 1 wherein said sidewall section includes a front sidewall directed in the direction of forward motion of the boat wherein said drain is coupled with said front sidewall.

1 5. The livewell tank of claim 1 further comprising a baffle coupled with said
2 sidewall section between said bottom and said overflow drain, said baffle extending from said
3 sidewall section inwardly into said interior compartment.

1 6. The livewell tank of claim 5 wherein said baffle extends completely about said
2 sidewall section.

1 7. The livewell tank of claim 6 wherein said baffle includes a lower, generally
2 planar surface and an upper, curved surface.

1 8. The livewell tank of claim 1 wherein said top includes a second surface
2 extending outwardly from said peripheral edge of said sidewall section, said second surface coupled
3 with said first surface to form a mounting flange.

1 9. The livewell tank of claim 2 wherein said top further includes a sealing flange
2 upstanding from said first surface.

1 10. The livewell of claim 2 wherein said sealing flange⁴⁸ is coupled with said
2 surface at said inner edge of said first surface wherein said sealing flange defines said opening.

1 11. The livewell of claim 10 wherein a collar is coupled with said sealing flange,
2 said collar made of a resilient material.

1 12. A livewell tank for use on a boat to hold fish, said device comprising:
2 a bottom;
3 a sidewall section having first and second opposing ends, said sidewall section
4 coupled with and upstanding from said bottom at said first end to define an interior compartment,
5 said sidewall presenting a peripheral edge at said second end;
6 a top coupled with said second end of said sidewall section, said top forming an
7 opening sized for receiving the fish, said top having ^{LAB} ~~first surface~~ ^{not shown/not in spec} projecting inwardly from a portion
8 of said peripheral edge to cover a portion of said interior compartment; and
9 a baffle coupled with said sidewall section, said baffle extending from said sidewall
10 section inwardly into said interior compartment.

1 13. The livewell tank of claim 12, wherein said first surface extends completely
2 about the said peripheral edge of said sidewall section and inwardly into said container, said first
3 surface terminating at an inner edge defining said opening.

1 14. The livewell tank of claim 12 wherein said sidewall section includes a front
2 sidewall directed in the direction of forward motion of the boat wherein said drain is coupled with
3 said front sidewall.

2 15. The livewell tank of claim 14 wherein said baffle includes a lower, generally
planar surface and an upper, curved surface.

1 16. The livewell tank of claim 12 further comprising an overflow drain coupled
2 with said sidewall section proximate said top wherein said baffle is positioned between said overflow
3 drain and said bottom proximate said overflow drain..

1 17. The livewell tank of claim 12 wherein said baffle extends completely about
2 said sidewall section.

1 *Sub 19* 18. The livewell tank of claim 12 wherein said top includes a second surface
2 extending outwardly from said edge, said second surface coupled with said first surface to form a
3 mounting flange.

1 19. The livewell tank of claim 18 wherein said top further includes a sealing
2 flange upstanding from said first surface.

1 20. The livewell of claim 19 wherein said sealing flange is coupled with said
2 surface at said inner edge wherein said sealing flange defines said opening.

1 *Sub 21* 21. The livewell of claim 20 wherein a collar is coupled with said sealing flange,
2 said collar made of a resilient material.